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Attorney Docket No.: PD-980174A  
Customer No.: 020991

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Mustafa Eroz et al.  
Application No.: 10/023,509  
Filed: June 25, 1998  
For: METHOD FOR A GENERAL TURBO CODE  
TRELLIS TERMINATION

Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Examiner: Unknown  
Date: January 30, 2002

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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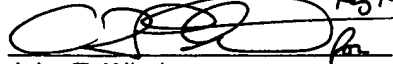
Sir:

- ☒ Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.
- ☐ Applicants Petition for a One-Month Extension of time, and authorize payment of the petition fee of \$110 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.
- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- ☒ The fee for claims is calculated below.

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED				ADDITIONAL FEE
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>24</u> minus	<u>20</u> =	<u>4</u> x	\$ 18.00 =	\$ 72.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	<u>4</u> minus	<u>3</u> =	<u>1</u> x	\$ 84.00 =	\$ 84.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				\$ .00 =	\$
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>					<b>\$ 156.00</b>

Charge \$ 156.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California.  
Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Mustafa Eroo et al.

Serial No.: 10/023,509

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: METHOD FOR A GENERAL TURBO CODE  
TRELLIS TERMINATION

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice and add new claims 8-31 as follows:

8. A method for terminating two or more constituent encoders of a turbo encoder employing a turbo code, the method comprising:

generating tail input bits at each of two or more constituent encoders by deriving the tail input bits from each of the two or more constituent encoders separately for each constituent encoder from a contents of shift registers within each of the two or more

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